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SENATOR MINES: Okay. Additionally, you know, there has been discussion on the floor--I've been guilty of it as well--about spending cuts. If this body were to say to the Appropriations Committee, would you go back and cut, let's just say 10 percent of the \$159 million, let's just say go back and cut \$16 million, I know you...absolutely that's distasteful to you, to the committee, as it is to most of us. However, in your opinion, are there vertical cuts that could be made that would yield at least that 10 percent amount?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Off hand, I don't know of vertical cuts. We would probably go with the University of Nebraska heavily, state colleges heavily, and those probably would be definitely vertical cuts.

SENATOR MINES: Okay. At what level...and I do plead ignorance. These are all very informative to me. If in fact the \$800 million of our budget is tied directly to personnel, to people, how might we engage in a zero hiring, a freeze in hiring, in fact even cuts in personnel? Is that something that's done in the out years, or is that something this body can do this year?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Well, it would be difficult to do it from here the rest of these nine days. What could happen--and it may happen anyway, by the way--we took 85 jobs from NETV in the last three or four years, for example. I have a list of all those positions. And it's a little bit confusing, because...

SPEAKER BROMM: One minute.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: ...some of them have been replaced with federal funds and outside cash funds, so they're...but there is less General Fund support for jobs. What we would do otherwise is, next January, going through the budget for the July 1, 2005 on out, would be, look at making cuts which would imply losing more jobs. And some of that also depends on the negotiation that will start in September with the NAPE/AFSCME and the others.